

THE DAILY STAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE CITY.

Probably fair or partly cloudy the next twenty-four hours.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mr. E. G. RIDGLEY, of the Tennessee Republican, is in the city.

The Ross-Bugher suit will not be commenced before the middle of next week.

The Superintendent of Police, Thomas Snellbaker, left for Hamilton this morning.

SWISS CONSUL, General John Hiltz, of Washington, arrived in the city to-day and is the guest of Consul J. Ritchie.

PAGE says the Turners have gone to New York, but the Short-line road is still selling tickets for the great metropolis.

Mr. WEIFFENBACH, the champion drummer, has been engaged by Mr. Frank Harff to play at the Lookout House.

A TARGET gun and a coat and hat were stolen yesterday from H. Stuetgenberg's shooting gallery, on Vine above Fifth street. No arrests.

It is said that the Enterprise Insurance Company does not and never did own the falling building on the corner of Richmond and Mount streets.

The County Treasurer, yesterday morning, deposited with the Third National Bank, to the credit of the city, the sum of \$176,643, on account of the June taxes.

B. TONNIES, a merchant tailor at No. 25 West Fifth street, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, Frank Churchill being appointed assignee.

BURGERS this morning entered the office of O. L. Green, Canal Collector at Lookout, and stole \$149 in greenbacks, \$50 in currency, and a valuable silver watch.

BISHOP FOSTER preaches at the Walnut Hill M. E. church to-morrow morning and evening. This will be gratifying intelligence to the church-goers of that section.

The tax-levy question was taken up, yesterday, by the Board of Councilmen, and passed. The ordinance was one for the levy of sixteen mills and one for the levy of four mills.

The Finance Committee in the Board of Councilmen offered a report adverse to a resolution to authorize the negotiation of a loan of \$100,000 to pay the street laborers. The report was adopted.

The Agent of the Wachtel Opera Company is in the city arranging for a season of Grand German Opera, at Robinson's Opera-house, in February, when the great tenor will appear for two weeks.

The following were elected as officers of the Central German Association last evening: President, J. Buerkle; Vice President, Edward Stegemier; Secretary, George Henkens; Treasurer, John Stricker; Chairman, E. Dickman.

SAMUEL OCHS, a peddler, was arraigned in the Police Court this morning on a charge of careless driving. He was driving out of an alley and ran over a little child, hurt it pretty severely on the head and arm. Ochs was fined \$10 and costs.

An ordinance to secure \$50,000 in bonds to pay for the erection of the new Central Police Station on George street, between Plum and Central avenue, was presented to the Board of Councilmen yesterday, and referred to the Committee on Law, in connection with the School.

The Central German Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church begins its annual session in the Third German M. E. Church, on Buckeye street, next Wednesday. The conference covers all Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky, and will be very large. Bishop Foster, of Cincinnati, will preside.

A LIEB suit has been brought against W. A. Looker by Rev. Dr. N. West, pastor of Lincoln Park Mission Church, charging him with being the author of a malicious article published in the Enquirer July 20th, headed, "An Unworthy Teacher." Mr. Looker was arrested but admitted to bail in the sum of \$500.

The following services will be held at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A.: To-night, at 8 o'clock, young men's prayer meeting. To-morrow the Christian workers meet for conference and prayer at 4:30 P. M. At 8 o'clock P. M. the gospel and inquiry meeting will be addressed by A. Clarke, Esq., subject: "The Foolish Rich Man." A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend.

MR. WALTER LACY and wife were driving on Hunt street near Broadway yesterday evening about 6 o'clock, when the horse started on a runaway. Mrs. Lacy was thrown out and received severe internal injuries. The horse ran over three children, Ellen Hall and Mary Hill, three years old, and Emma Langenbach, four years old. The little girls were all severely injured.

JACOB STANAR, sixty-five years old, who lives in Nio. Huber's house near the railroad station on the Colerain pike, was walking up the Marietta track near East Cummins street, yesterday, when he met a train going west. He stepped from the north to the south track, and was thrown down by the wheel-bound short-line freight and had his left foot terribly crushed. His foot was amputated at the ankle, after which he was taken to the hospital. It is the opinion of the physicians that the man can not survive his injuries.

The following improvements were ordered by the Board of Councilmen yesterday afternoon: Kemper alley, from Congress to Clinton street; Vine street, from Chapel to Elm street; and to assess a special tax on property for improvement of Van Seggern alley, from Franklin to Woodward streets. Osler alley, from Harriet street to Shaw alley; Charlotte alley, from Lima to Baymiller street; Cinnamon street, from Madison street to Grant street; East alley, from Mulberry street to Evans alley; Church avenue, from Montgomery road to the hundred feet east; Harriet street, from Clark to Hopkins street.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued since our last report:

Albert Barrmann and Katie Bates.

J. E. Murphy and Rose B. Casey.

E. H. Hanley and Lew M. Shirley.

Harry Stone and Flora B. Maebor.

Alfred Skinner and Ardele Ernst.

A. Schopf and Mary E. Schneider.

Building Permits.

The following permits were issued since our last report:

W. D. Gatchell, addition to 2-story frame on Maple street, near Chapel; estimated cost \$300.

M. Marone, repair 120 Eighth street; estimated cost \$125.

H. Hartman, 1-story frame hall at 20 Superiorville; estimated cost \$1,000.

WATER-WORKS INVESTIGATION.

The Council Committee Makes its Report.

The Council Committee on Water-works Investigation made its report yesterday afternoon to the Board of Councilmen, the substance of which is as follows: That the Secretary for December, 1873 to May, 1874, carried cash balance of over \$5,000 for "office use," when the sum needed for such was not deemed more than \$600. That from July, 1873, to February, 1874, said Secretary neglected his duties in not making quarterly settlements with collectors of all moneys by him received as Secretary, and that the \$8,338 19 in his hands April 18, was not made good until May 15 to May 19, 1874.

The report says: We find from the testimony that since February, 1873, said Trustees have failed to make monthly reports to Council, which said failure we find to be an omission of their duty as Trustees aforesaid.

The report for this year, as shown by the testimony, is the first that mentions the outstanding liabilities of the Works, and, like the former, no inventory of the stock on hand is given.

We therefore find that said failure to make full and complete reports annually of the condition of said Works was a great irregularity and omission of their duty to get on with the work. We find that since December, 1873, the Trustees have failed to cause all moneys collected for Water-works purposes to be deposited weekly by the collectors thereof, as required by law, which said failure we find to be a great irregularity and unwarranted omission of their said duty as Trustees aforesaid.

Had the Trustees enforced the rule strictly requiring all water rents to be paid when due, and the weekly deposit of all money collected by the Collectors for same, the receipts would have been for 1873, \$428,837 37 instead of \$423,113 05; for 1874, \$433,244 38 instead of \$411,535 10, thus showing that at a time when said Works were largely indebted, and said Trustees were borrowing money and issuing certificates of indebtedness, at a cost to the city of from six to eight per cent. interest, they were permitting said Collectors to carry, from 1873 to 1875, a balance of unpaid water rent bills and cash collections ranging from \$4,724 24 to \$27,163 45, contrary to the statute on that subject.

We further find that Christian Moerlein, who was elected April, 1870, as Trustee, failed to pay for the water by him consumed in his business during his term; that he should have paid \$2,538 39, and the total sum by him paid for water was \$1,050, leaving a balance of \$1,889 39, with interest thereon, still due; that his co-Trustees, the Superintendent and Secretary of said Works, were aware of the non-payment of said water rent by said Moerlein.

We find that the estimating engineer for the Garden of Eden reservoir, Gust. Boeckh, in making the estimates of work done on the retaining wall, included all the Dayton stone work in the pile-drafts done under a special contract, and that upon said estimates so made, contractor Barger has received \$79 per perch for all Dayton stone work so done, in addition to the contract price, having received a sum of about \$1,000 on account of said Dayton stone work in said pile-drafts.

We, therefore, find that said Charles Boeckh, Engineer aforesaid, is guilty of neglect of his duty, including said Dayton stone-work in said pile-drafts in his estimates, by reason of which said Barger received pay twice for said work. We find that the Trustees have kept in the Water-works employ, at large salaries, parties engaged in business outside, to the loss and detriment of said city. That in 1873-74 the Trustees knowingly kept in the employ of the Water-works parties who have been guilty of great irregularities, viz: receiving money for the pay-rolls and failing to pay the same over to the employees who were entitled to it, and appropriating to their own use property belonging to said works. We further find that Andy Bowman received for and received money due employees of the Works and failed to pay same to them. That in the employ of the city he took from said Works, without authority, and converted to his own use, a large lot of brass. We, therefore, find that said Trustees were guilty of neglect of their said duties in permitting such irregularities to be continued after notice, and in retaining said parties in the employ of said Works. During 1873 and 1874 the Secretary employed, or caused to be employed, as shown by the testimony, parties at an expense of about one thousand dollars, for the purpose of compiling statistics showing the different uses to which water is put in this city; that, according to the evidence adduced, said statistics were never reported to the Board, and were of little or no value, and no use has ever been made of them; the said Secretary drew from the Treasury \$855 50 for returned water rent to cover bill for expenses of Committee East, August, 1873. We find said Secretary guilty of great irregularity in thus presenting said bill and obtaining the money, and of unnecessarily employing at the expense of the city, parties to make up useless statistics. The testimony shows that the Assistant Secretary in 1873 loaned \$1,300 of Water-works money, knowing the same to be such; that since this investigation commenced he did, at the request of parties interested, make alterations in the books of the office. We, therefore, find said Assistant Secretary guilty of great irregularities in loaning said Water-works money and in making the alterations as aforesaid in the office books.

The report also charges Kramer with failing to make weekly reports, with keeping no separate accounts, with loaning Water-works money, knowing it to be such and says: We therefore, find that said Moses Kramer was guilty of great irregularities in thus failing to make weekly deposits, as required by Section 340 of the Municipal Code, in keeping no separate account of same and loaning Water-works money as aforesaid.

A somewhat similar report was rendered regarding Merk and McCormick, not, however, charging them with loaning Water-works funds. It puts the amount yet due from Merk's district at \$7,771 83, and that of McCormick, at \$1,556.

With regard to the contract of the Trustees with the Cincinnati Stationery & Hydraulic Works for the two pumping engines to cost \$97,575, the report says that the Trustees paid said contractors on account of contract of \$94,334 24, the same being the entire contract price less \$3,240 40, and an agreement was entered into by which said contractors by the terms of which said contractors were released from the further completing of said work and from all damages sustained by the city by reason of the failure of said company to complete said engines; that it cost the City of Cincinnati to put said engines in the condition called for in said contract, and plans and specifications attached thereto, \$74,137 31, making the total cost of said Kilgour engines \$108,471 65, instead of \$97,575 50, the contract price. We further find that said drawings were incomplete; that an additional expense of \$18,575 38 was necessarily incurred in procuring and strengthening said engines to keep them from falling down; that the total cost of said engines, including plans and alterations

made since they were started, is \$204,400 48, and that by reason of the failure of said company to complete said Kilgour engines, and of the release to them of all damages sustained, the city lost \$70,916 13, for which said city has no redress against said contractors.

The bills of the committee for reporters, etc., were \$1,219 20.

The Moran Frauds.

The inquest on the body of William Moran, who was killed at the sale stable of Thompson & Co., at No. 26 East Fifth street, Thursday evening, about half-past four o'clock, was resumed by Coroner Malby this morning, and the following additional testimony was elicited: James C. Hughes was the first witness called, and testified as follows:

I live 30 East Fifth street, and am a dealer in horses. I have known the deceased about 20 years. This difficulty occurred on Thursday about 4 o'clock. I was standing on the north side of Fifth street, near Thompson's stable. Wm. Moran was advancing toward Nicholas Moran, when Nicholas pulled out a knife. William commenced retreating and in so doing fell over a chair. Thomas, who at the time was coming across the street, hallooed kill the fellow. I heard no previous conversation between them. Both Thomas and Nicholas stuck at him at the same time, and Thomas fell down on the sidewalk with William.

Thomas got up again, then both began kicking him in the side and face. William made an effort to get on his feet, but fell down again. I saw Thomas kick him, but I won't state about Nicholas. I got the latter by the arm, and said if he didn't stop he'd kill the man. He replied, "Go away from me." I saw a young man about 18 years old engaged in the affray, and saw him kick William, but I don't know who he was; I wouldn't know the man if I saw him.

Dr. E. H. Heywood testified as follows: Office at 139 Sycamore. I have known deceased about fifteen years; he was of temperate habits, but of a very quarrelsome disposition. I saw him in a great many difficulties along the street, but never in any fight. About 4 o'clock I was near Carney's saloon, when my attention was attracted across the street, where I saw Nicholas and William fighting.

I couldn't hear what they were saying. Thomas was sitting about eight feet from me, in the rear part of the stable. William advanced toward Nicholas, when the latter retreated toward Sycamore street. I noticed no little boy with William. Nicholas then became excited and advanced, when William retreated about eight feet. Both were quarreling. Thomas then came out of the stable and went across the street.

When he got on the sidewalk I saw William fall over a chair, but I saw no one strike him. Subsequently I saw Thomas strike him once or twice with his fist. I then went across the street, when Thomas fell, but got up again immediately. William made an effort to get up but couldn't. Thomas then kicked him in the back and ribs several times. I didn't think the kicking was severe enough to produce death.

I thought that William would revive in a few minutes and was only lying with his face down to play possum and thus protect himself. I didn't see Nicholas strike or kick him. I can not say positively whether I saw Nicholas Moran, Jr., there or not. I saw William rise upon his arm once and then sink back. I saw no knife in Nicholas' hand. I saw no one strike William but Thomas.

Owing to the absence of Edward Moran, a little son of the deceased, who was attending the funeral, which took place this morning, the inquest was adjourned until 2 o'clock, as his testimony was of an important nature.

A contributor to Blackwood labors diligently in the attempt to show that, although the French have been busy since the last war, they have in fact done very little in the way of reorganizing their army, while the Germans, on the contrary, have steadily improved their military forces, and have brought them much nearer a standard of perfection than ever before. All of which we are inclined to believe.

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